

John F. Kennedy High School. Through newsletters, needs assessments, teachers surveys, and collaborative groups Mr. Roberto has instituted whole school reform that concentrates on the needs of all members of his faculty.

I congratulate Mr. Roberto on his success in building a school environment that facilitates communication and creates a learning environment enabling student success. His dedication, innovation, and leadership are qualities that every principal in our Nation should have. It is with great admiration that I acknowledge Mr. Roberto as a 2003 Principal of the Year finalist.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Office laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:57 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 189. An act to authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research, and for other purposes; and

S. 1895. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through March 15, 2004, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment:

S. 686. An act to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers.

The message further announced that the House passed the following bills in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 253. An act to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made; and

H.R. 3521. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1828) to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, and stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, and by so doing hold Syria accountable for the serious international

security problems it has caused in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agree to the amendments of the Senate to the resolution (H. Con. Res. 209) commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter, a charter of partnership among the United States, Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 117. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida, and for other purposes;

S. 286. An act to revise and extend the Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998;

S. 650. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize the Food and Drug Administration to require certain research into drugs used in pediatric patients;

S. 1685. An act to extend and expand the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification, and for other purposes.

S. 1720. An act to provide for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas;

S. 1824. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3182. An act to reauthorize the adoption incentive payments program under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 12:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 135. An act to establish the "Twenty-First Century Water Commission" to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs.

At 3:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1904) to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, and for other purposes.

At 5:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks,

announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1152. An act to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1156. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance provision of health care for veterans, to authorize major construction projects and other facilities matters for the Department of Veterans Affairs, to enhance and improve authorities relating to the administration of personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

At 9:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 79. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1274. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, November 21, 2003, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 117. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida, and for other purposes;

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BENNETT, from the Committee on Joint Economic Committee:

Special Report entitled "The 2003 Joint Economic Report" (Rept. No. 108-206).

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1522. A bill to provide new human capital flexibility with respect to the GAO, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. William Welser III.

Air Force nominations beginning Colonel Paul F. Capasso and ending Colonel Robert M. Worley II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2003.

Air Force nomination of Col. Stephen L. Lanning.

Air Force nomination of Brigadier General Robin E. Scott.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Larry J. Dodgen.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. John M. Curran.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Keith M. Huber.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy.

Army nominations beginning Brig. Gen. James R. Sholar and ending Col. Henry J. Ostermann, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on August 1, 2003.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Walter B. Massenburg.

Navy nominations beginning Rear Adm. (1h) Robert E. Cowley III and ending Rear Adm. (1h) Steven W. Maas, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 19, 2003.

Navy nomination of Capt. Brian G. Brannman.

Navy nomination of Capt. Raymond K. Alexander.

Navy nominations beginning Rear Adm. (1h) Donald K. Bullard and ending Rear Adm. (1h) John J. Waickwitz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2003.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Gary H. Sharp.

Air Force nomination of Jeffrey N. Leknes.

Air Force nomination of Samuel B. Echaure.

Air Force nominations beginning Thomas E. Jahn and ending Rodney D. Lewis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 23, 2003.

Air Force nominations beginning Samuel C. Fields and ending Kevin C. Zeeck, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 23, 2003.

Air Force nomination of Robert G. Cates III.

Air Force nomination of Mary J. Quinn.

WITHDRAWALS

Executive message transmitted by the President to the Senate on November 21, 2003, withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

April H. Foley, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2007, which was sent to the Senate on April 10, 2003.

April H. Foley, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2007, which was sent to the Senate on May 14, 2003.

DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and the nominations were:

James McBride, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2008.

David Eisner, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Read Van de Water, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2006.

Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

Jose Antonio Aponte, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Sandra Frances Ashworth, of Idaho, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2004.

Edward Louis Bertorelli, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005.

Carol L. Diehl, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005.

Allison Druin, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2006.

Beth Fitzsimmons, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2006.

Patricia M. Hines, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005.

Colleen Ellen Huebner, of Washington, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Stephen M. Kennedy, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Bridget L. Lamont, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

Mary H. Perdue, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

Herman Lavon Totten, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

Public Health Service nomination beginning with Vincent A. Berkley and ending with James Syms.

Drew R. McCoy, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term of six years.

Carol Kinsley, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2006.

Susan K. Sclafani, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education.

Laurie Susan Fulton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2007.

Steven J. Law, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

J. Robinson West, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2007.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1912. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand pension coverage and savings opportunities and to provide other pension reforms; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1913. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the system of public financing for Presidential elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1914. A bill to prohibit the closure or realignment of inpatient services at the Alveda E. Lutz Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Saginaw, Michigan, as proposed under the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 1915. A bill to ensure that the Government fully accounts for both its explicit liabilities and implicit commitments and adopts fiscal and economic policies that enable it to finance and manage these liabilities and commitments, to honor commitments to the Baby Boom and subsequent generations with regard to social insurance programs, and to provide for the national defense, homeland security, and other critical governmental responsibilities; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1916. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, to provide for a one-year open season under that plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 1917. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the issuance of tax-exempt bonds for certain air and water pollution control facilities, and to provide that the volume cap for private activity bonds shall not apply to bonds for facilities for the furnishing of water, sewage facilities, and air or water pollution control facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1918. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that qualified homeowner downpayment assistance is a charitable purpose; to the Committee on Finance.